

SENATE BILL 7089

By Johnson

AN ACT to make appropriations for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the state government for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2023, in the administration, operation, and maintenance of the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of the various departments, institutions, offices, and agencies of the state; for certain state aid and obligations; for capital outlay, for the service of the public debt, for emergency and contingency; to repeal certain appropriations and any acts inconsistent herewith; to provide provisional continuing appropriations; and to establish certain provisions, limitations, and restrictions under which appropriations may be obligated and expended. This act makes appropriations for the purposes described above for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. It is hereby recognized that Senate Bill ____ / House Bill 7012, relative to firearm safety, will result in a revenue loss of \$1,600,000 (recurring), if such bill becomes a law.

SECTION 2. In addition to any other funds appropriated by the provisions of this act, there is appropriated the sum of \$1,100,000 (nonrecurring) to the Department of Safety for the sole purpose of implementing Senate Bill ____ / House Bill 7012, relative to firearm safety, if such bill becomes a law. The Commissioner of Finance and Administration is authorized to adjust federal aid and other departmental revenue accordingly.

SECTION 3. In addition to any other funds appropriated by the provisions of this act, there is appropriated a sum sufficient (nonrecurring) to the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation for the sole purpose of implementing Senate Bill ____ / House Bill 7015, relative to the collection of DNA from individuals arrested for felony offenses, if such bill becomes a law. The Commissioner of Finance and Administration is authorized to adjust federal aid and other departmental revenue accordingly.

SECTION 4. In addition to funds previously appropriated in Section 60, Item 25 of Chapter 418, Public Acts of 2023, and described on page B-90 of the 2023-2024 Budget Document, there is appropriated the sum of \$10,000,000 (nonrecurring) to the Department of Education to be distributed as school safety grants and used for the same purposes provided in such previous appropriation and in the manner provided in this section. Such funds shall be limited for use by public charter schools without a full-time school resource officer for the 2023-

2024 school year prior to the effective date of this act, and by schools within local education agencies without a full-time school resource officer in the school for the 2023-2024 school year prior to the effective date of this act.

SECTION 5. In addition to any other funds appropriated by the provisions of this act, there is appropriated the sum of \$16,131,000 (nonrecurring) to the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services for the sole purpose of providing sign-on and retention bonuses to prospective or current behavioral health professionals who work for a Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services contracted treatment agency. The Commissioner of Finance and Administration is authorized to adjust federal aid and other departmental revenue accordingly. Further, such funds shall be subject to the following provisions and limitations: the Department shall create a schedule of sign-on and retention bonus amounts according to complexity of positions in the program; shall require a minimum amount of service time after payment of a sign-on bonus; and shall require repayment of bonuses paid if the recipient does not fulfill all conditions of the bonus program. The Department shall submit a report to the Chairs of the Finance, Ways and Means Committee of the Senate and the House of Representatives and the Office of Legislative Budget Analysis at least quarterly, beginning December 31, 2023, detailing the following information concerning sign-on and retention bonuses issued pursuant to this section: the number of bonus recipients, the bonus amounts, the agency location of recipients, the amount of service time per recipient, the amounts of federal and other departmental revenue and allotments reduced, and a general summary of the impact on program services.

SECTION 6. In addition to any other funds appropriated by the provisions of this act, there is appropriated the sum of \$3,000,000 (nonrecurring) to the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services for the sole purpose of providing a public behavioral health scholarship program. The Commissioner of Finance and Administration is authorized to adjust federal aid and other departmental revenue accordingly. Further, such funds shall provide tuition stipends to Tennessee residents pursuing a degree in a behavioral health related field with the requirement that any scholarship recipient shall work for a Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services contracted treatment agency for an amount of time equivalent to the amount of time the recipient received scholarship stipends. The Department shall submit a report to the Chairs of the Finance, Ways and Means Committee of the Senate and the House of Representatives and the Office of Legislative Budget Analysis at least quarterly, beginning December 31, 2023, detailing the following information concerning scholarships issued pursuant to this section: the number of scholarship recipients, the scholarship amounts, the type of degree pursued by each recipient, the location of recipients, the amounts of federal and other departmental revenue and allotments reduced, and a general summary of the impact on program services.

SECTION 7. In addition to any other funds appropriated by the provisions of this act, there is appropriated a sum sufficient to the general assembly for the sole purpose of payment of any lawful expenses, including, but not limited to, staffing, per diem, travel, and other expenses, of the First Extraordinary Session of the One Hundred Thirteenth General Assembly. All expenses for the general assembly, upon the approval of the speaker of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, or both when required, shall be paid through the office of legislative administration.

SECTION 8. If any provisions of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 9. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.